

Punk's Blood-Stained String Ends at 10 Dead With Wyoming Capture

States Try for Custody of Accused

Arraignment Set for Today

Douglas becomes news center, Page 4.
Mother: Son Like Any Other Killer, Page 4.
Pictures, Page 12.
By Tom Allan
World-Herald Lincoln Bureau, 501 Federal Securities Building.
A showdown is expected today between Nebraska and Wyoming authorities over custody of slayer Charles Starkweather.
These moves are expected to take place this morning:—Starkweather, 19-year-old killer of 10, will be arraigned in Converse County Court on a charge of murdering a Montana man near Douglas, Wyo.
—Lancaster County Attorney Elmer Scheele will fly to Douglas in an attempt to return Starkweather to Lincoln.

Mr. Scheele conceded Wyoming may have priority, "but we'll do our utmost to get him back here. He killed nine here and only one in Wyoming."
Foe of Hanging
Converse County Attorney William Dixon said he would "consider" a demand made by a County Commissioner that Starkweather be turned over to Nebraska.
Wyoming Gov. Milward Simpson, an outspoken foe of capital punishment, told The World-Herald that "regardless of the rampage of wanton killing, I still could not stand by and see him executed in Wyoming."
He said, however, he would not oppose extradition to Nebraska if Converse County officials are willing to give Starkweather up.

Ward Was Shot
There were new developments Wednesday night in the slaying here of C. Lauer Ward, prominent business man, his wife and their maid.
Mr. Ward, 47, president of the Capital Steel Company, his wife, Clara, 46; and the maid, Lillian Fencil, formerly

Turn to Page 2, Column 1

The News in Brief

For Thursday, Jan. 30, 1958

Foreign

U.S. Offers Cash to Pact... 16

Russia Bars U.S. Courier... 30

National

Group Okays PCC Probe... 6

Fay Costly to Engineers... 8

Winds Delay Jupiter Shot 13

New Space Agency Near... 30

State

Gering Fight Fatal to One 25

Starkweather Taken... 1

Local

Realtors Vote Sunday 8

Close 26

Plant to Give 2,800 Jobs... 26

O.U. Studies Building Bids 8

Buying Soon on Interstate 8

Boom Series Jars Homes 4

Pair Opposes Res Plan... 8

Sports

Barney Ross to Referee 21

Gloves 21

Musial Signs for \$100,000 21

Sauer Wants Iowa State 21

Job 21

Markets and Financial

Rail Shares Swing Ahead 24

Short Cattle Supply Helps 25

Little 25

Soybeans at Season Low... 25

Regular Features

Amusements... 30

Comics, Features... 14, 15

Dr. George Crane... 15

Crossword Puzzle... 11

Deaths... 30

Editorial: The Gordian Knot... 20

Picture Page... 12

Radio and TV... 31

R.F.D. 9

Want Ads... 26 to 29

The Weather... 30

Women's News... 18

A FULL WEEKEND of good selling awaits you when you order your weekend Want Ad for both Saturday and Sunday. Place weekend Want Ads today by dialing JA 6633—Adv.



Deputy Romer, Chief Ainslie... check after capture.

Lincoln Slaying Jag Tops in Terror in Recent Years

For numbers and degree of terror, the Starkweather killings are without parallel in the modern history of American crime.
Only one other one-man foray exceeds the Lincoln slayings in numbers. That occurred in 1949 at Camden, N. J., when Howard Unruh, a berserk war veteran, killed 13 persons and wounded three others.
But the Unruh massacre over almost before it began. Within 10 minutes Unruh surrendered to police and the community could relax before it had time to get tense.
Terror Sustained
By contrast, the Lincoln killings presented a continuity of suspense in which one man kept a metropolitan city—and all its environs—at a long sustained pitch of fear of death, striking with impersonal malevolence out of the night.
For a parallel to the terror, Nebraskans have to go back to the Sniper, in 1926. The nocturnal killer, who, engendered further fear by striking noiselessly with a revolver equipped with a silencer, brought Omaha to a nighttime standstill.

Streets Deserted
Movie houses closed, streets were deserted and people huddled behind locked doors for fear of death out of the darkness. But the Sniper's victims numbered only two.
Iowa's bout with terror goes back even further—to 1912—to the Villisca ax murders. Eight persons—two adults and six children—were fiendishly slain with an ax. For months residents of the Iowa town of two thousand, and indeed in areas as far away as Council Bluffs, slept in uneasy dread behind locked shutters at night. Only time brought an easing of fear because the murders have never been solved.

Ax Man Killed 3
Another mass group of ax murders occurred in Omaha to frighten the community. They occurred in 1928 and saw the slaying of three persons in three days and the injuring of two. Jake Bird served time for attempted

murder of the two injured persons. In 1949 he was executed in Washington for the ax-murder of two women at Tacoma.

Nationally, mass murders all fall short of the Lincoln toll.

Irvin Loses Bid

Leslie Irvin, whose "Chinese style" executions earned him the title of "mad dog" killer, left a trail of six victims from his home town of Evansville, Ind., into Kentucky and back through 1954 and 1955.

His trademark was a corpse found kneeling, hands bound behind the back and bullet hole in the back of the skull.

By coincidence, Irvin lost a bid Wednesday to escape the electric chair in Indiana.

In the rugged Bear Tooth Mountain area of Wyoming in 1939, Earl Durand, after breaking out of jail, killed five persons in nine days and eluded posses equipped with mountain howitzers to blast him from the mountains. Cornered, he put a bullet through his brain.

Marine Slew Five

In 1953 Fred E. McManus, 18, absent without leave from a Marine training camp, killed five persons in a cross-country crime wave that started near Rochester, N. Y., and ended at Dubuque, Ia.

William E. Cook, in 1950, stopped a car at gunpoint in Oklahoma and forced Carl Mosser of Atwood, Ill., his wife and three small children to drive aimlessly about the Southwest for four days before he killed them all and tossed their bodies into an abandoned mine shaft at Joplin, Mo. He killed another man before his arrest.

At Lawrence, Mass., in 1953, Peter Akulonis, an unemployed boilermaker, killed eight members of his family and himself with hatchet and gun.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1950, 19-year-old William Jones, Jr., killed four persons and injured three with a carving knife before he was disarmed. He was committed to a mental hospital from which he had been released only five days before.

Snow Possible

Omaha and Council Bluffs can expect considerable cloudiness today with a high in the upper 30's. Tonight there will be a chance of some light snow with the mercury expected to hover in the lower 20's.

Wednesday the mercury climbed to 37 for a high, after an early morning low of 19.

Nebraska's warm spot on Wednesday was Imperial with 49. The coolest was Norfolk with 15.

Stress Cracking

French Teachers

Paris—So many French school teachers are cracking up under the strain of overwork and overcrowded classrooms that the Government has launched an investigation to discover whether some new, unknown factors of stress are confronting them.

FARMERS are thinking now of spring planting. If you have planting machinery, the easiest way to sell it is with a "Farm Equipment, Supplies" Want Ad.—Adv.

How Couple Beat Dragnet Being Asked

Always Hours, Deaths Ahead of Searchers

World-Herald Lincoln Bureau, 501 Federal Securities Building.

How did Charles Starkweather and Carl Fugate slip through the police dragnet?

That was the question pondered by Lincoln citizens late Wednesday.

And further, could the senseless slaughter have been ended at three killings—the Bartlett family?

Despite the biggest man-hunt in the city's history, the killer and his girl friend were always several hours—and murders—ahead of authorities.

Twice at Scene

Putting the pieces together, it is apparent that Col. C. J. Sanders was calling peace officers into Lincoln to help search the area at the moment Starkweather was speeding across Nebraska.

Local police twice were at the scene of the first murders—without knowing it—at the insistence of relatives.

Saturday morning two officers went to the modest home of Marion Bartlett in the Belmont section of the city after relatives became disturbed at Carl's refusal to let them in.

Carl met police at the door and told them her parents were sick and that it was "doctor's orders" that no one be allowed in. Police left.

Two days later, at mid-morning Monday, police returned to the Bartlett residence at the request of relatives. They went into the house, saw nothing, apparently ignored outbuildings and left.

It remained for a relative and friend of the family to snoop around later Monday. They found the bodies of Marion Bartlett, his wife and their infant daughter.

Three murders—but only the beginning.

Slipped Away

Twenty-six hours—and six murders—later, Starkweather and his girl slipped past the watchers.

There was speculation that had police not accepted "doctor's orders" and had entered the Bartlett home, they might have discovered the first three murders Saturday, more than 48 hours before the fourth, fifth and sixth killings and 80 hours before Nos. 7, 8 and 9.

Detectives felt sure the killings were linked with the December 1 murder of Robert Colvert, a filling station operator. Colvert apparently was robbed and driven to a lonely road where he was shot in the head with a shotgun.

Paid Rent

One of Starkweather's weapons was a shotgun.

The Colvert filling station was only eight blocks from the Bartlett house.

Police had reports that Starkweather had borrowed a shotgun shortly before the killing and had returned it shortly after.

Also, police had a report that Starkweather had been behind in his rent but paid it shortly after the Colvert murder.

Police Chief Ine Carroll said Starkweather "is the most logical suspect and certainly will be questioned about it."

Chief Carroll and other officers defended their search tactics.

Said Lancaster County

Turn to Page 2, Column 3

Traffic Fatalities

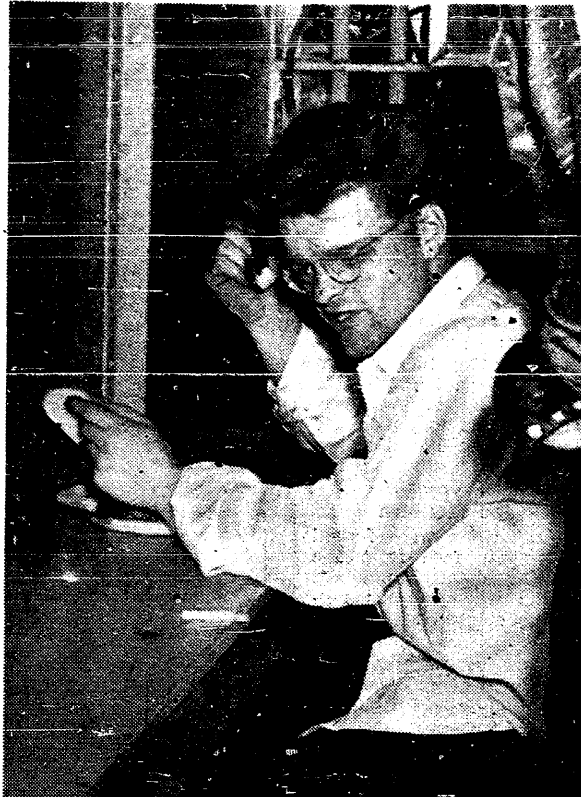
Deaths—Jan. 29, 1958 1957

In Omaha... 1 1

In Nebraska... 16 9

In Southwest Iowa... 5 3

In All Iowa... 47 31



—World-Herald Photo by Lawrence Robinson, flown from Douglas, Wyo. Starkweather eating... the Sheriff had a name for him.



Carl... "he's crazy."

Lincoln Gets Easy Sleep for First Time in 3 Days

By Bill Billotte

World-Herald Lincoln Bureau, 501 Federal Securities Building.

Lincoln went to sleep to-night for the first time in three days and two nights.

The residents of this usually placid university city went to sleep without the man of the house taking out his old service automatic, his hunting shotgun or the old revolver his father had passed on to him.

For terror had ceased to stalk the countryside and to dart unreasoning back into the city.

The cold-blooded killer, who apparently murdered a two-year-old child with a blow, a 16-year-old girl with a small caliber pistol and a 70-year-old man with a shotgun, was being held like a predatory animal in Douglas, Wyo.

He had made one last desperate thrust at the society he seemed to hate when he killed a man, who would probably have pleasantly passed the day with him if given the opportunity, just outside Douglas.

Lincoln, the city that was his birthplace, heaved a sigh of relief.

For the first time parents who grimly left their jobs in mid-afternoon Wednesday to escort their children of grade school age to their homes took a look at the report cards the youngsters brought home.

Only then did they think to scold for grades that did not measure up to standards or praise a youngster who had done better than in the previous semester.

In Bennet, 16 miles southeast of here, the lights stayed on again. But this time the feeling was one of relief, not fear.

Townpeople talked of the sorrow of losing two fine high school students but they did not have to worry immediately about losing more to a killer.

A Lincoln detective, Bruce Nelson, a four-year veteran of the detective bureau, hoisted tired feet to his desk. He said:

"I have been on night work a long time but today was the first time my wife called and said she would not stay at home alone."

The one hundred combat veterans of the National Guard, called to help stop the killer after he claimed his seventh, eighth and ninth victims, turned back to their homes.

So did bone-weary members of the Nebraska Safety Patrol.

They were scheduled to ride beside guardsmen in the 50 jeeps that were to patrol the fringes of Lincoln.

The fear was gone from the social organizations

Turn to Page 2, Column 6

Oil Leaser Wrests Starkweather Rifle in Roadside Scuffle

Sobbing Girl Friend Quits Killer Before Gun Battle Starts

By Howard Silber

World-Herald Staff Member

Douglas, Wyo.—The crazy-killing career of Charles Starkweather, 19, ended Wednesday afternoon with a frantic roadside scuffle, a gun-firing chase by local authorities and finally abject surrender.

But before it was over, a tenth name had been added to the list of victims of the mad-dog youth from Lincoln, Neb.

Starkweather was captured by Converse County Sheriff Earl Heflin and Douglas Police Chief Robert Ainslie.

A few minutes earlier Starkweather's sobbing 14-year-old girl friend, Carl Ann Fugate, had fled from him and into the arms of Natrona County Deputy Sheriff Bill Romer.

The tenth victim was identified as Merle Collison, 37, Great Falls, Mont., shoe salesman.

Hero of the wild drama was Joseph Sprinkle, of Casper, Wyo., husky land agent for an oil company.

Saw Two Cars

He said he was driving toward Douglas on Highway 20-26 shortly after noon when he saw two cars pulled off beside the highway at Ayers Natural Bridge 10 miles west of here.

One car was a black 1956 Packard with a Nebraska license. The other carried an Oregon license.

Mr. Sprinkle went past, stopped, turned around and went back to give aid to what he presumed were stranded motorists.

Body in Back Seat

As he approached, he said, he saw a girl crying in the back seat of the Oregon car.

Then he saw Mr. Collison's body lying on the floor of the car.

Finally he saw a rifle pointed at him. Behind the wheel of the Oregon car aiming the rifle was a bespectacled, wild-eyed youth: Charles Starkweather.

"You better help me get the emergency brake off this car or I'll kill you," the youth snarled.

"All I saw was the gun barrel and every time I looked it got bigger," Mr. Sprinkle recounted.

Grabbed at Barrel

Mr. Sprinkle started to bend to the emergency brake handle.

"I thought I'd be killed anyway, so I tried to get the gun," he related.

He lashed with his left arm and grabbed the barrel with both hands.

Starkweather, he said, started slugging with one hand while holding the rifle with the other. Both fell to the ground behind the car, biting, kicking and wrestling.

Sprinkle Hung On

Starkweather tried to batter him with the rifle but Mr. Sprinkle—who stands 5 feet 11 inches and weighs 185 pounds—hung on, trying to kick Starkweather.

At last he wrested the rifle from the youth. Starkweather fled toward the Packard.

Mr. Sprinkle said he did not try to shoot. As Starkweather leaped into the Packard and roared west.

Later he found the gun's magazine had been emptied. Just at that moment a truck came down the road. Immediately behind it was Deputy Romer. They stopped.

Road Block Set Up

Carl Ann Fugate jumped from the Oregon car and rushed to Deputy Romer's car, sobbing.

"He's going to kill me," she screamed. "He's crazy. He just killed a man."

Sizing up the situation, Mr. Romer took off in pursuit of Starkweather, radioing for help.

Starkweather's car roared several miles to the west before he apparently encountered a hastily erected road-

Ten Who Died

These are the 10 victims of Charles Starkweather:

MARION BARTLETT, 57, Lincoln.

VELDA BARTLETT, 35, his wife.

BETTY JEAN BARTLETT, 2, their daughter.

AUGUST MEYER, 70, farmer near Bennet, Neb.

ROBERT JENSEN, 17, Bennet.

CAROL KING, 16, Bennet.

C. LAUER WARD, 48, Lincoln.

CLARA WARD, about 46, his wife.

LILLIAN FENCIL, 51, their maid.

MERLE COLLISON, 37, Great Falls, Mont.

block near Casper, 65 miles west of here.

Starkweather wheeled his car around and headed back toward Douglas, meeting Sheriff Heflin and Mr. Ainslie.

Starkweather Slowed

Mr. Ainslie, a small, bespectacled, mild-mannered man who heads a force of three policemen, was driving. He wheeled about and roared in pursuit, reaching the Douglas city limits at 115 miles an hour.

Near the heart of town, on Center Street, he caught up with Starkweather, who had been slowed by traffic.

"I tried to crash him," he related. "I just got my bumper hooked in his but he pulled away. The Sheriff was firing his .30-30 carbine as much as he could in traffic."

Pick Up Speed

"Every time there was an opening he'd let go at one of the tires. I guess he didn't want to fire higher."

The chase picked up speed again as they left the east edge of Douglas. The Sheriff put a shot through the back window of the Packard and other shots in the trunk.

Four miles south of town Starkweather stopped and got out, holding a bleeding right

Turn to Page 5, Column 1

Temperatures

Readings Taken at Omaha Airport

Noon... 34 7 p. m. ... 33

1 p. m. ... 36 8 p. m. ... 30

2 p. m. ... 36 9 p. m. ... 28

3 p. m. ... 36 10 p. m. ... 26

4 p. m. ... 37 11 p. m. ... 25

5 p. m. ... 35 Midnight ... 23

6 p. m. ... 34 1 a. m. ... 20

Recreation Fee to End October 1

Game Board Will Stop Using Law

By Don Shasteen
World-Herald Lincoln Bureau,
501 Federal Securities Building.

Users of Nebraska's state recreation areas will have to pay the dollar-a-vehicle fee to use the areas until October 1.

Then the fee will be discontinued.

This was assured Wednesday by:

—Governor Brooks' veto of a bill passed by the Legislature to repeal the recreation-area use tax next fall. The veto was not overridden.

—An announcement by State Game Commission Director Mel Steen that the commission will declare all recreation areas exempt from the admission fee effective October 1.

Effect of these developments is to get around a refund provision which the Legislature wrote into the vetoed bill, LB 1.

If the bill had become law, the Game Commission would have stopped collecting the fees about October 1 and would also have been required to refund all fees collected before that date.

Under the arrangement announced Wednesday, the commission will stop collecting fees October 1 but will make no refunds.

Steen Objected

Mr. Steen had objected to the refund provision in LB 1. He said it would cost the commission \$1.58 for every dollar refunded, because of complicated procedures provided by law for payment of claims against the state.

Governor Brooks told the Legislature in his veto message some persons would have paid the complete tax, others would have paid no tax and a third group would have had a portion of their payments refunded.

The Governor noted that the Game Commission has authority to exempt as well as designate areas, in which the windshield stickers are required.

Tax Imposed

Mr. Steen said he polled the commission and advised the Governor before the veto that the commission will repeal the tax by administrative decree effective October 1.

Another bill already signed imposes a special .13-mill tax on all tangible property in the state to finance a long-range program of improving state parks and recreation areas.

Warm Weather Should Continue

Thursday should bring partly cloudy skies and continued warm weather to the Omaha-Council Bluffs area.

The temperatures should be around 90. There's a chance of a thunderstorm Thursday night with the lows ranging in the upper 60's.

Beck, 2 Others Delay Pleading on Payments

New York (AP)—Pleading of Dave Beck, former Teamsters Union president, to charges of accepting 200 thousand dollars from two trucking company executives was postponed Wednesday until July 1. Federal District Judge Edward J. Dimock postponed until July 2 pleading by the executives who allegedly made the payment — Ray Fruehauf, president of Fruehauf Trailer Company, of Detroit, and Burge Seymour, president of Associated Transport, Inc., of New York.

The Government has not specified the purpose of the alleged payment.

Goldfine Loses Bid to Stay Out of Court

Washington (AP)—Bernard Goldfine, gift-giving Boston industrialist, Wednesday lost his bid to avoid standing trial on an 18-count contempt of Congress indictment.

Federal District Judge James W. Morris rejected a defense attack on the indictment. He will meet Monday with opposing counsel to fix a date for Goldfine's trial.



\$110,000 Bonus Declined

A couple of hours before this picture was taken in Cleveland, O., John O. Eklom, 64, passed up a 110-thousand-dollar bonus which directors of the Hupp Corporation wanted to give him in addition to a salary of 42 thousand dollars a

year. Mr. Eklom, board chairman of Hupp, which makes home appliances, asked that the bonus be distributed as incentive in Mr. Eklom said the money "far exceeds my needs and appetite."

Stalinalee Impressive— if You See the Front Only

By John Jarrell
World-Herald Staff Member

East Berlin—You drive down Stalinalee, and you find yourself impressed with this fine, wide boulevard with its new buildings, its shops and stores and apartments.

For this is the showplace of the Russian sector of Berlin. Sometimes it is called "The First Street of Socialism."

You step off Stalinalee to the street paralleling it, and it looks as if the war might have ended only yesterday.

Here, what shops remain amid the rubble-strewn area are grubby, bleak, depressing.

There are war-shattered shells of fine old buildings, upon which no restoration attempt has even started.

Mute evidence of the massive destruction wrought on Berlin are the 250-year-old German cathedral, the one-time national theater and the 210-year-old French cathedral, in a row, all of them only shattered husks.

This is off-street East Berlin. The Communists would rather have visitors to the east sector stay on Stalinalee.

Even Stalinalee is not quite what its impressive facade would appear to indicate. The fronts of the sparkling new buildings are glistening white tile. But

the rears are gray, drab plaster.

And most of the Stalinalee buildings are only two rooms deep.

In all honesty, however, it must be said that East Berlin looks better today than it did five years ago, the last time I was here. And far better than it did when I was here in 1949, when much of Berlin, east and west, was still rubble.

But the contrasts still are sharp between the east and west sectors.

There are relatively few automobiles on the streets of East Berlin, while traffic is quite heavy in the West.

East Germany's latest car, a tiny one, has just gone on sale in East Berlin. It costs the equivalent of 21 hundred American dollars. The average wage of the East Berlin worker is 45 cents an hour.

Sales are not expected to be brisk. Gasoline is \$1.50 a gallon, compared to 60 cents in West Berlin.

People are better dressed in West Berlin, though in the east they wear better clothes now than they did when I was here last. The women display little style.

Most impressive thing in East Berlin is the Soviet war memorial in Treptow Park, where seven thousand of the 30 thousand Russian soldiers who died fighting in Berlin are buried.

Ultimatum Is Handed to Steel Union

Lay-offs Start if Pact Not Extended Today

New York (UP)—The steel industry handed the United Steelworkers of America a 24-hour ultimatum Wednesday to extend the current wage contracts or be laid off before the pacts run out at midnight June 30. A union source said flatly the ultimatum would be rejected.

The source said the union could not accept a contract extension without any "good faith" offer by the industry. Company negotiators said they had no intention of making any offer beyond a previous proposal to grant a non-inflationary wage increase only if current operating costs could be cut.

Union Made Offer

The union source said the industry's stand could mean fruitless negotiations "for six months or a year or even more" beyond the June 30 deadline, with no provision that the Steelworkers ever would receive any retroactive pay increase once an agreement was reached.

David J. McDonald, president of the union, said he would present the companies' ultimatum to the USW's 171-man wage policy committee Thursday. He refused to say what his recommendation would be.

Mr. McDonald announced for the first time that his union had made a specific "non-inflationary" offer to the industry in an effort to avert a strike.

'No Acceptable Offer'

The companies replied that they had seen no offer they could accept and added that unless the union agreed to a contract extension Thursday, a nationwide steel strike appeared inevitable.

R. Conrad Cooper, executive vice-president of the United States Steel Corporation and the industry's chief negotiator, announced the ultimatum. He said the companies would have to start shutting down their blast furnaces Friday if the union decided Thursday not to accept a contract extension. The projected steel truce included a proviso that either side could end the extension upon 10 days' written notice.

Flagship for the Fleet Launched in Japan

Kobe, Japan (AP)—A 2,350-ton destroyer, the largest warship built in Japan since the war, was launched Wednesday.

It will become the flagship of Japan's small post-war navy.

Charles Starkweather Dies in Electric Chair

Four Moves in 10 Hours Prove Futile

Two Supreme Courts Deny Sentence Stay

Attorneys in Washington and Guy Starkweather in Lincoln exhausted every resource Wednesday to try to keep Charles Starkweather from going to the electric chair.

Starting Wednesday afternoon there were four futile appeals in less than 10 hours—two to justices of the United States Supreme Court, one to Lancaster County District Court and one to the Nebraska Supreme Court.

James Laughlin and Albert Ahern, Jr., went first to Justice Charles Evans Whittaker and then to Justice Hugo Black in Washington, The World-Herald Washington Bureau reported.

Lawyer Complains

Both refused to grant a stay of execution for the mass killer based on a plea that Starkweather could not get a lawyer in Nebraska to take his case back into the state courts.

The State Supreme Court, hastily summoned to the Statehouse to hear a last-ditch plea by the slayer's father, also refused a stay.

Five justices (one more than a quorum) were unanimous in rejecting the plea.

The appeal was based on allegations that Starkweather had inadequate and ineffective counsel at his murder trial, that evidence had been withheld, new evidence has been uncovered and that statements which inflamed the jury were read at the trial.

The move followed refusal by Lancaster County District Judge Harry Spencer to stay the execution.

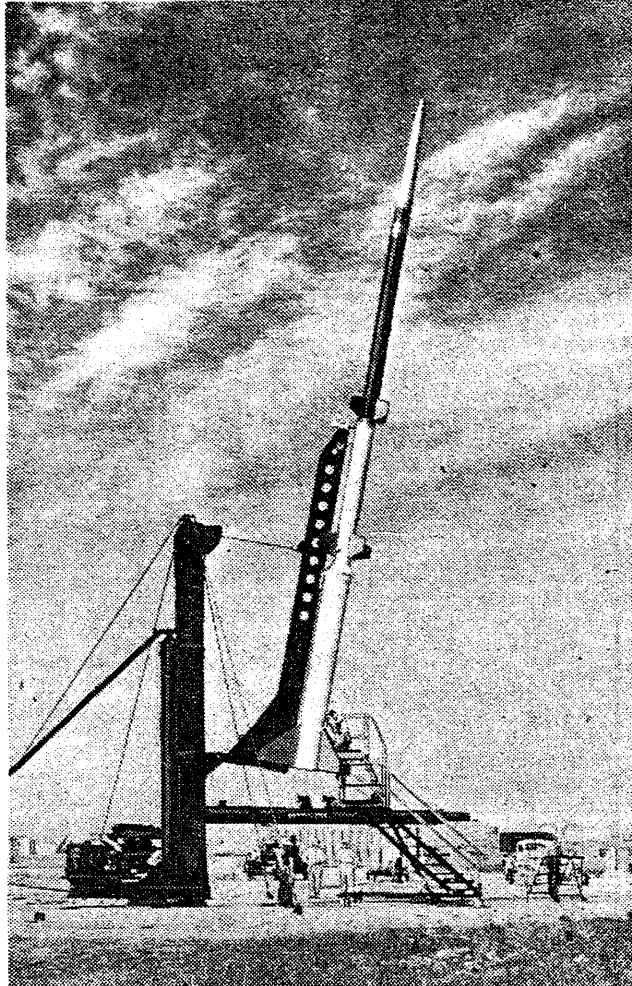
Guy Starkweather, denied first a stay and then a new trial for his son, asked for a writ of error coram nobis.

More Statement

This, too, was refused by Judge Spencer. Such a writ is a remedy at common law and is used to bring into the record matter which could not be brought in by any other method.

Spencer said the motion for a new trial was based on a contention that new evidence had been discovered.

This contention, he said, had to be considered merely as a statement or a conclusion of the killer or whoever prepared the document for him.



First Six-Stage Rocket

Workmen make final adjustments on the first six-stage rocket fired in a United States test program by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Wallops Island, Va. Data on missile re-entry is sought. The first three

stages—Honest John, Nike and Lance—push the rocket to two hundred miles altitude. After a coasting period, it is pushed earthward at speeds up to 16 thousand miles an hour by three rocket motors.

Vandal Strangles Emu in Its Cage

Providence, R. I. (AP)—One of the most unusual cases of vandalism in the history of Roger Williams Park occurred Tuesday night when some one broke into the emu cage and apparently strangled one of the huge birds.

The dead bird, Henrietta, was found under a tree near the cage. Martin F. Noonan, park superintendent, said that the ground near by looked as if a terrific struggle had taken place.

"The area was littered" with feathers from the emu around whose neck a rope had been placed.

Emus are native of Australia, and next to the ostrich, are the largest birds in the world.

Missiles Bag Jet Targets

Two Bomarc's Make Perfect Interceptions

Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. (AP)—Two IM-99A Bomarc missiles were launched successfully Wednesday against a simulated attack by two high-speed jet drones over the Gulf of Mexico.

The Air Force said the 47-foot ground-to-air missiles made perfect interceptions of their targets more than one hundred miles from the launching site on near-by Santa Rosa Island. They were fired within seconds of each other.

The Bomarc's carried high explosive warheads. They can be equipped with nuclear warheads.

The launchings were controlled by the SAGE (semi-automatic ground environment) System of the Montgomery Air Defense Sector at Gunter AFB, Montgomery, Ala.

The Air Force said the Montgomery Sector, 150 miles north of the launching site, detected the approach of the drone targets and directed the interceptions.

Abbott Greenery Meeting Tonight

A campaign-planning meeting on the Abbott Drive beautification project is scheduled tonight.

Mrs. Mildred Gustason, president of the Quota Club, which launched the effort to acquire greenery for Omaha's downtown link to the Airport, said committees will be formed.

Meanwhile, Omahans were beginning to respond to the appeal for money to buy trees and shrubs.

Donations may be sent to: The Abbott Drive Trust Fund, in care of The World-Herald. Contributions will be acknowledged in this newspaper.

Brought Forward \$4,036

W. J. Coad, \$100

Ginn Oil Company, \$25

Total \$4,155

Traffic Fatalities

Deaths—June 24, 1959 1958

In Omaha 16 11

In Nebraska 136 137

In Southwest Iowa 34

In All Iowa 294 254

Mass Killer Meets Death Unperturbed

Utters No Last Words in Execution Room

By Bill Billotte
World-Herald Lincoln Bureau,
501 Federal Securities Building.

Charles Starkweather died in the electric chair at the Nebraska State Penitentiary early Thursday.

He showed as little emotion as he had displayed when questioned about the 11 victims he confessed killing.

He walked into a small whitewashed room with a steady step. Two men were on either side of him.

His red hair, shorn to a stubble, glistened in the lights.

Looks at Chair

He seemed to look curiously at the oak chair as he approached it.

He appeared to stumble and then sat down.

A green curtain screened the chair as he was strapped into it.

The curtain was then withdrawn and Deputy Warden John Greenholtz said: "Charlie, do you have any last words you would like to say?"

Starkweather shook his head vigorously.

A blindfold was put across his eyes.

Half Dozen Shocks

A short time later the hands on the clock, which had run favorably for him on many other occasions, swept past 12:01 a. m.

Deputy Warden Greenholtz, after he asked Starkweather if he had anything to say, stepped to one side behind a wooden partition which screened him from the chair. He held his hat over his heart.

Starkweather lurched forward as the first of a half dozen 22-hundred-volt shocks was administered at 12:03 a. m.

As the fourth shock was administered, Dr. P. E. Getscher stared at his wrist watch. He and Dr. George E. Lewis, Jr., were on hand to pronounce Starkweather dead.

'What's Your Hurry?'

A short time later Dr. Getscher put a stethoscope to Starkweather's chest and said: "He's dead."

Dr. Lewis was called when Dr. B. A. Finkle, prison physician, suffered a heart attack and died shortly before the execution.

Mr. Greenholtz said Starkweather's words when prison officials went to fetch him were:

"What's your hurry?"

Starkweather's family visited him during the evening. Warden Maurice Sigler, who took over his post only last Monday, called it "a normal execution, well organized."

Truck Hits Car, Houses; 3 Killed

Duluth, Minn. (AP)—A semi-trailer grain truck speeding out of control down a hill hit a car and smashed into two homes Wednesday night. Three persons died and four others were injured.

Killed were Ralph Redlin, 50, Ellendale, N. D., the truck driver, his wife, Ruby, 33, and Martin Cich, 26, Superior, Wis., whose car was struck by a truck.

Seriously injured were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Widell, occupants of the second house hit by the truck. They were in their living room watching television when the truck smashed into the front of their home.

Also injured were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hayes, who live around the corner from the Widell home. Mrs. Hayes was struck in the back by an oil drum carried with the plummeling grain through their house.

Still Blazing Away

Taipei — Chinese Communists have fired 53,845 shells at the Nationalist-held Quemoy and Matsu Islands since the first of the year, the Nationalist Defense Ministry announced.



Story at left.
James ... Non-swimmer.

Death in Pool Mars Reunion

Visitor, 12, Did Not Know How to Swim

Tragedy marred a family reunion Wednesday afternoon when a visiting 12-year-old boy drowned in Peony Park pool.

He was James Allen Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale K. Martin, Lebanon, Ind.

James, his parents, brother and three sisters were visiting relatives here.

James and his brother, Richard, 14, along with several cousins, went swimming.

Richard said he left James, a non-swimmer, on the beach with instructions not to go near the deep water.

When Richard returned from the diving board he could not find his brother.

At about the same time the body of the boy was discovered in six to seven feet of water by Scott Pangale, 10, of 705 North Forty-ninth Street.

Scott notified a lifeguard, John Williams, who recovered the body.

James and his family were visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Collatz, 1918 North Fortieth Street, and his grandmother, Mrs. Fred Chin, 2208 Burt Street.

VACATIONING SOON? Why not get extra cash for your vacation by selling surplus articles through action-getting World-Herald Want Ads.—Adv.

Cut in Guard Voted Down

Senate Group Rejects Eisenhower Proposal

Washington (AP)—Senators rejected cutbacks in the Army Reserve and National Guard Wednesday in a first test on the big 39-billion-dollar annual defense appropriation bill.

"We voted to keep the National Guard strength at 400 thousand and the Reserve at 300 thousand," Senator Dennis Chavez (Dem., N. M.), chairman of the appropriations subcommittee, said after a closed-door session on the bill.

President Eisenhower and Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy both had recommended a 10 per cent reduction.

Top Scholar of Air Force Class Looking to Oxford

The top scholar of the first Air Force Academy graduating class is looking forward to continuing his studies in a much less regimented atmosphere.

Lieut. Bradley C. Hosmer, 21, will enter Oxford University, England, this fall as a Rhodes Scholar in the classic "PPE" (philosophy, politics, economics) course at Exeter College.

"I expect it to be quite different, particularly in the lecture system," he said.

Son of Col. and Mrs. Clark L. Hosmer, he is with his parents who are visiting at the William Hendrickson home, 7501 Highland Street, Ralston. His father, commander of technical training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, is Mrs. Hendrickson's brother.

Young Hosmer had a grade average of approximately 92 to lead 207 academy graduates. He was one of 306 who started the first class in 1955.

He considers mathematics his forte—"although I don't know why"—and said he is hardly the bookworm type.

"I wouldn't say I hit the books," he said. "I enjoyed the academy. I guess I had the background."

He attended a high school in Paris operated for American dependents, while his father was with General Eisenhower's staff at SHAPE. After his father's assignment to Washington,



World-Herald Photo.
Hosmer ... average 92.

he attended Columbia Prep School two quarters. His dad is a West Pointer.

Before entering Oxford, the young officer will get some operational experience as an airman, serving as third navigator for a few weeks on transatlantic hops in the Military Air Transport Service.

No marriage, no girl friends in sight, he said.

"I'm in love with a sports car," he said.

New A-Tests Need Is Told

'U. S. to Proceed on Own if Talks Fail'

Washington (AP)—Chairman John A. McCone of the Atomic Energy Commission Wednesday said the United States will have to go ahead with underground nuclear testing on its own if the Russians do not join in an agreement for joint tests.

Mr. McCone told a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee such action would be necessary to improve United States' methods of detecting nuclear explosions. He said the AEC is planning preliminary underground testing this summer with non-nuclear high explosives.

Then, he said, if the Russians will not agree in current negotiations at Geneva to join in such technical testing to produce standards for an agreement to ban nuclear weapons testing, "we will initiate our own program" in this field "as it must be done."

Temperatures

Readings Taken at Omaha Airport

Noon 86 7 p. m. 87

1 p. m. 87 8 p. m. 87

2 p. m. 90 9 p. m. 85

3 p. m. 92 10 p. m. 83

4 p. m. 91 11 p. m. 80

5 p. m. 90 Midnight 79

6 p. m. 90

The Weather Everywhere, Page 32.